

Within the 4-count beat there are 16 possible rhythms.

	X			
	1	2	3	4
0				
1				X
2			X	
3			X	X
4		X		
5		X		X
6		X	X	
7		X	X	X
8	X			
9	X			X
10	X		X	
11	X		X	X
12	X	X		
13	X	X		X
14	X	X	X	
15	X	X	X	X

# Argentine Tango

## Tango Rhythms

8	X			
44	X		X	
422	X		X	X
224	X	X	X	
134	X	X	X	
3122	X		X	X
332	X		X	X

### Homework:

1. Listen to tango music and mark it with your hand.
2. Listen for these rhythms between the beats.
3. Clap each rhythm.
4. Stomp your feet to each rhythm.
5. Practice dancing all your standard steps to each rhythm.
6. Dance these rhythms only when you hear them in the music.
7. Look at how different rhythms are combined to create traditional sequences.

44-8	X		X		X	
44-224	X		X		X	X
224-44	X	X	X		X	X
224-224	X	X	X		X	X
134-134	X	X	X		X	X
1313-134	X	X	X	X	X	X
1313-1313	X	X	X	X	X	X

448-448	X		X		X		X	
4444-448	X		X		X		X	
4444-4444	X		X		X		X	X
4444-44224	X		X		X		X	X

Each beat can be divided into 4 smaller parts.

Marking a 4-beat phrase.

4444	X	X	X	X
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

Marking an 8-beat phrase.

4444-4444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

If you stand still on the last beat, the rhythm will look like this.  
Notice that the 4 count rhythm changed from 4444 to 448.  
Step only when the X appears in a box.

Dance a 4-beat phrase.

448	X	X	X	
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8

Dance an 8-beat phrase.

4444-448	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8	

Quick-Quick-Slow

224	X	X	X
Count	1 2 1 2	1 2 3 4	

Slow-Quick-Quick

422	X	X	X
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 1 2	

Slow-Slow Quick-Quick-Slow

44-224	X	X	X	X
Count	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 1 2	1 2 3 4

Quick-Quick-Slow Slow-Slow

224-44	X	X	X	X
Count	1 2 1 2	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

Quick-Quick-Slow Quick-Quick-Slow

224-224	X	X	X	X
Count	1 2 1 2	1 2 3 4	1 2 1 2	1 2 3 4

Classic Argentine Tango Rhythms

These cannot be defined with the words Quick and Slow

1313-1313	X X	X X	X X	X X
Count	1 1 2 3	1 1 2 3	1 1 2 3	1 1 2 3

1313-134	X X	X X	X X	X
Count	1 1 2 3	1 1 2 3	1 1 2 3	1 2 3 4

134-134	X X	X	X X	X
Count	1 1 2 3	1 2 3 4	1 1 2 3	1 2 3 4